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REMARKS

Claims 10 to 15, 19, 20 to 24, 37 to 41 to 46, 50, 51 and 53 to 55 have been canceled without prejudice above. It is noted that claims 20 to 24, 41 to 46, 48, and 53 to 55 were withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a nonelected species.

Claims 16 to 18, 25 to 33 and 52 will be pending after entry of the above amendments.

Claims 16, 26, 27, 28, and 52 have been amended above. The amendments to the claims add no new matter. Support for the amendments may be found generally throughout the specification.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants' remarks herein are set forth under appropriate subheadings.

Objections to the claims

Claims 26 to 28 were objected to because of the language "the step of disposing". This language has been amended to read "the step of providing". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection of claims be withdrawn.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, 37, 38, 47, 50, and 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,815,100 (Igaki).

Claims 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, 37, 38, 47, 50, and 51 have been canceled without prejudice above.

Accordingly, this rejection of the claims is rendered moot.

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Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 12, 13, 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,815,100 (Igaki).

Claims 12, 13, 39 and 40 have been canceled without prejudice above.

Accordingly, this rejection of the claims is rendered moot.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 25 to 33 were allowed. Claims 16 and 52 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claims 17 and 18 depend from claim 16.

Claim 16 has been amended above to include the subject matter of claim 10. Claims 26, 27, and 28 have been amended to recite "the step of providing". Claim 52 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 47 and 10, from which claim 52 depends.

Accordingly, claims 16 to 18 and 52 should also now be allowable.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

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